

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 307

Short Title: Occup. Therapy/Choice of Provider. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Newton and Krawiec (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 20, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT PATIENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST UNDER THEIR HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 58-50-30(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"§ 58-50-30. **Right to choose services of certain providers.**

...

(b) This section applies to the following provider types:

...

(16) An occupational therapist licensed by the North Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy pursuant to Article 18D of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2017, and applies to health benefit contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

